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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the cited application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 6, 18, 21 and 65 as follows:

5. The article of claim 1 wherein the hard component has a Shore Hardness of at least about 40D
6. The article of claim 1 wherein the hard component has a Shore Hardness of at least about 70D
18. The article of claim 14 wherein the first polymer has a Shore Hardness of at least

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